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Dear Sir:

We received a Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on April 2, 2004. This Notice required that we submit formal drawings in response to the Examiner's approval of our proposed drawing correction. However, Applicants filed these formal drawings on December 10, 2003. Viewing the Image File Wrapper for this application shows that the drawings were received and scanned, but these drawings do not appear in PAIR. We also have a return postcard acknowledging receipt of the drawings in the PTO on December 10, 2003. As the drawings requested were submitted and received, withdrawal of the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed on April 2, 2004, and issuance of a revised Supplemental Notice of Allowability is requested.

Also, prior to filing payment of the Issue Fee, Applicants submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement with an attached Form 1449 on January 6, 2004. Receipt of this IDS is acknowledged by a return postcard stamped January 6, 2004, and the Image File Wrapper shows that the IDS was received and scanned. Applicants request the Examiner initial the references on the IDS and return an initialed copy of the Form 1449.

Applicants understand that this Communication will  $\underline{not}$  affect the Patent Term Adjustment in this Application, as all of the documents referenced above were timely submitted and received within the PTO.

If the Examiner has any questions, please contact Alan Stewart at 612.371.5376. Respectfully submitted,

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